

THIRTY-SIX times has the REGISTER had the good fortune of wishing to its readers, and the world generally, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! The thirty-seventh New Year comes with to-morrow. May it bring deserved happiness and prosperity to every one who sees this item. Can I ask for greater blessing upon anyone?

THE war impending between Russia and Japan threatens to embroil all Europe, and the United States is hurrying battleships to the vicinity—thanks to our accursed policy of criminal aggression and oppression in the Orient. It has annihilated the thousands of miles that did erst spread a chasm between us and the bloody contentions of the Old World.

THE St. Louis jail is overcrowded with prisoners awaiting trial, and it occurs to me that Mr. Folk would better serve the State by fulfilling the duties of his office, just now, than by going over the State and making speeches in behalf of himself for Governor. But then, I may be an old foggy whose fault it is that he is behind the latter-day notions of thrift and personal advancement.

HON. D. B. SEIBERT, bank examiner for this district, is home to spend Christmas with his family. Speaking of the governorship matter, Mr. S. says he feels satisfied that the Democratic ticket in the State will win next year as usual, no matter who is nominated for Governor. But in his opinion, the best thing for the party to do would be to nominate Folk for Governor, as he would be the strongest candidate. Mr. Seibert says it is all a mistake to think the element in St. Louis who oppose Folk's nomination will knife him if he gets it.—*Jackson Cash-Book.*

And yet all the "politicians" and "machine men" are "against Folk."

How does this read in "Free America," coming from an institution that is supposed to inculcate freedom of thought and the cultivation of the reasoning power? It reminds one of the "good old time" when to think was heresy and men were punished with nose-slitting, ear-cropping, etc., etc., for indulging in the anarchistic practice.

The faculty of Washington (Kan.) college to-day ordered the socialist club of the college to discontinue its meetings. The order is said to be the result of letters from Eastern financial supporters of the college saying they would withdraw aid unless the club was suppressed.

THIS from the Chicago Public is suggestive. It exemplifies the instability of man-made wrong, made to fit man-made creation. If we were to devote more intelligence toward understanding natural right and wrong, and expended more conscience in observing the one and avoiding the other, there would be less bloodshed and oppression; also, the worship of tin-godism must eventually cease: "In memory of David Kennison, the last surviving member of that party of anarchists who threw the tea into Boston harbor a century and a quarter ago, a memorial stone was erected last week in Chicago. How true it is that the mobs of one generation become the heroes of another—provided the purpose they did the mobbing for 'wins out.'"

THE Washington Post, in one of its characteristic editorials, champions the cause of the moonshiners. Among other things it says:

The truth is that not only the moonshiners, but a great many other people, of more or less intelligence, begin to believe that the army of homicidal deputies is maintained much less for purposes of justice to the taxpaying distillers than for purposes of exploiting a purely political organization.

And the man who stops to reason about the U. S. internal revenue laws is mighty apt to conclude with Puck's ejaculation, "What fools these mortals be!" A free people (so-called) and an intelligent people (so-called) putting pains and penalties upon the exercise of their industrial rights! If the manufacture of liquor is a crime it ought to be absolutely prohibited; to license it, in that event, is outrageous. If it is not a crime, then its special taxation is oppression. But the Almighty Dollar doesn't reason—it only rules.

JOHN M. GLOVER, a few years ago a resident of St. Louis, and one term a member of Congress from his district, but now living at Cripple Creek, Colorado, is in conflict with the military authorities

out there. He wrote a caustic letter to the commander of the militia, charging him with oppression and outrage on the citizens of the State. An order had been issued by this military satrap commanding all persons in possession of firearms to bring them to "headquarters" and deliver them up to their lords and masters. Glover had two rifles and refused. Then the military resorted to force, and in the skirmish Glover was wounded. He then surrendered and is now an occupant of the county jail. Of course, the daily papers give the tinge of offense to John, but I know them well enough to hesitate in giving judgment. All I know is that military rule is damnable, and when it becomes necessary to our government we had better go out of business as a Republic.

HON. W. D. VANDIVER, calling on Democrats throughout the State to meet in St. Louis January 2d, says:

"This meeting will have for its object one purpose only, to forward the nomination of Joseph W. Folk for Governor."

H—m! The meeting, then, I suppose, is not to be a Democratic meeting. The tin god displaces Democracy in order that the State may not go to the demnation howlows. Is that the idea? Must it be Folk or nothing? For myself, I'll stand by the old party, and its voice I will obey. How about these better-than-their-party Folkites? I have heard some of the more blatant of them declare that with them it must be "Folk or nothing." Are these gentlemen of redder blood than mine? Shall I be called upon to support their candidates (if nominated) like a good, loyal Democrat, but if the men I prefer go on the ticket, then the holier-than-thous shall be free to bolt it? Not, on your life, shall such a one-sided proposition stand! There are a thousand better men and better Democrats than Folk in this State, many of whom would reflect honor and credit upon the office of Chief Executive. It is my freeman's privilege to select from among them and my choice is entitled to as much consideration as that of any Folkite who in his arrogance casts aside principles and substitutes men.

#### Des Arc Items.

THIS is a sad Christmas for me, laying in one position flat on my back with a broken thigh. On the 21st of December, about 9 o'clock, I was in the log yard and started to move one of the logs, when another log behind it caught me, and I layed there until help came. I was carried home on a cot and did not get my leg set until 4 o'clock. I suffered intense pain up to that time. Drs. Toney and Farrar are attending me and doing all they can for me. I have often heard the song, "There is a Sad Day Coming;" mine is now at hand. I will still try and furnish the readers of the REGISTER with Des Arc news.

Our school is having vacation this week and all the pupils are enjoying Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are spending the holidays in Ironton with Mrs. Smith's parents.

Mrs. Joe Walton and sister, Miss Agnes Maddock, of St. Louis, are visiting their mother at this place. Miss Allie Fitz is visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barth are spending the holidays with relatives at this place.

Misses Nellie and May Williams are visiting in Leeper this week.

Jack Brierton spent Christmas day in Des Arc; also, Art Myers, Charles Williams and Ed. Maddock.

James Lovelace and Bob McFadden spent Sunday in Des Arc.

Misses Etta and Elma Keithley and brother spent Christmas at Lesterville.

Dr. Fred Farr and wife spent a few days here last week.

W. T. O'Neal was seen on our streets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Graves returned home Thursday, after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Graves' mother, who is very sick in New York.

Mrs. Semmonds spent Christmas with her son, France, in Arcadia.

Mrs. Zel Lewis and "Sis" Debad spent a few days with relatives at this place last week.

Edward Hickman returned to Granite City Tuesday, after spending a few days with his parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pate spent Christmas with their parents in St. Louis.

Mr. Curtis, hub inspector from Ironton, is spending several days in our town.

Miss Carrye Wray attended the Christmas tree at Brunot Thursday night. ISAAC.

#### Mann Items.

Christmas is again numbered with the past. Time for us all to form new resolutions.

The box supper at Cedar Grove, Christmas eve was a grand success. All present seemed to enjoy themselves, and all the boxes were sold for a good price; 40c per box.

Rev. L. H. Davis, of Bellevue, preached a sermon at Cedar Grove Friday (Christmas), after which a treat of candy, nuts and apples was distributed to the children of the Sunday school.

The young people had a social gathering at Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

Shelton's Saturday evening. Ice cream and cake were served, and Mrs. Shelton and Misses Ethel Shelton and Laura Davidson rendered some good music. All present voted the occasion a very enjoyable one, and hope to enjoy many more pleasant hours like this in the near future.

The school at Cedar Grove was dismissed December 24th, until January 4th, thus giving the children a good vacation. There is three and one-half months of the term yet.

A large number of the children of this community are suffering from severe colds and coughs. Some of the larger ones have been slightly affected.

Mrs. Phillips, who has been sick so long, is still in a critical condition.

Thos. Anderson went to Edge Hill Xmas.

Mr. Irwin, of Ironton, has been spending Christmas here.

The boys are slaying the rabbits during their vacation.

Mrs. Julia McClurg has been quite sick for a few days.

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#### Some Hard Freezes.

The lowest single temperature in the world ever noted was 90.1-2 below zero, at Verchojansk, Siberia, on January 15, 1885. The average temperature for the month was 64 degrees below zero, while the average temperature for February and December were but slightly less. In the same year a single temperature for February was 84 degrees below, March 77 1-2 degrees below and December 78 degrees below zero. In December the highest temperature recorded was 33 degrees below zero. This station is in the Valley of the Janas, with elevation above sea 330 feet, latitude 67.5 deg. north, longitude 134 deg. east. The sun does not shine during December, and hardly any during the rest of the winter.

The lowest temperature ever recorded at any weather bureau station in the United States was 63 degrees below zero, at Poplar River, Montana, January 1, 1885.—*From U. S. Weather Bureau Report.*

[For January 1885, lowest temperature in Ironton was 15 degrees below zero.—DELANO, Observer.]

#### Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1903:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday.....	33	47	26
Thursday.....	21	46	10
Friday.....	25	48	28
Saturday.....	26	35	5
Sunday.....	27	51	21
Monday.....	28	51	19
Tuesday.....	29	46	26

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

#### CASORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Vetter*

#### SPECIAL CITY ELECTION.

##### NOTICE

Of Special Election for Member of City Council of City of Ironton, Iron County, Mo., to Fill Vacancy:

IRONTON, Mo., December 23, 1903. WHEREAS, A vacancy exists in the City Council of the City of Ironton, by reason of the removal from said City of W. P. Wemp, a member of said City Council:

Now therefore, I, Wm. R. Edgar, Mayor of the City of Ironton, Mo., by virtue of the power in me vested by the ordinance of the City of Ironton, order a Special Election to be held at the courthouse in said City on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1904, to fill said vacancy.

WM. R. EDGAR, MAYOR.

Attest: NANNIE WALKER, Clerk.

WHEREAS, Wm. R. Edgar, the Mayor of the City of Ironton, has appointed the undersigned as Judges of a Special City Election, called to fill vacancy in the City Council, caused by the removal from said City of W. P. Wemp, a member of said Council, and

WHEREAS, The Charter of said City provides that the Judges of Election thus appointed shall give notice of the Election; we, therefore, hereby give notice that a Special City Election will be held at the courthouse in the said City under the election law, on

Tuesday, January 5th, 1904,

to elect the following officer:

One Councilman to fill unexpired term of W. P. Wemp.

WM. H. WHITWORTH,

A. S. PRINCE,

FRANK P. AKE,

Judges of Election.

##### NOTICE OF LETTERS.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration upon the estate of John H. Sutton, late of Iron county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, J. W. Alcorn, Administrator, by the Judge of the Probate Court of the county of Iron, bearing date the 5th day of December, 1903.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefits of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

J. W. ALCORN,

Administrator.

Ironton, Mo. Dec. 10, 1903.

CHAS. P. DAMRON

ATTORNEY AT LAW

AND NOTARY PUBLIC,

IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Office in the Dr. Farrar Building

1904

## A HAPPY NEW-YEAR!

IS OUR GREETING TO ALL.

May Health and Prosperity attend our Friends and Patrons throughout the coming twelve-month, and may our efforts toward their advantage and pleasure always be crowned with success, are the sincere wishes of

Yours, Respectfully,  
T. S. LOPEZ & SONS.

Now making ready for GRAND CLEARANCE SALE.